In the claims:

Please **cancel** claims 30, 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40.

Please **amend** the following claims:

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29.   (Twice Amended)   A communications data processing apparatus, comprising:

a receiver that receives data containing first time information;

a setting device that sets second time information for the communications data processing apparatus by subtracting a predetermined value from said first time information;

a memory that temporarily stores the data received by said receiver; and

a processor that periodically counts up said second time information and starts processing the data temporarily stored in said memory when said second time information reaches said first time information.

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33.   (Twice Amended)   A communications data processing method performed by a communications data processing apparatus, said method comprising the steps of:

(a)   receiving data containing first time information;

(b)   setting second time information for the communications data processing apparatus by subtracting a predetermined value from said first time information;

(c)   temporarily storing the data received by said receiving step;

(d)   periodically counting up said second time information; and

(e)   starting to process the data temporarily stored in said storing step when said second time information reaches said first time information.

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37. (Twice Amended)   A storage medium storing a program, which a computer executes to realize a communications data process for a communications data processing apparatus, comprising the instructions for:

(a)   receiving data containing first time information;

(b)   setting second time information for the communications data processing apparatus by subtracting a predetermined value from said first time information;

(c)   temporarily storing the control data blocks received by said receiving step;

(d)   periodically counting up said second time information; and

(e)   starting to process the data temporarily stored in said storing step when said second time information reaches said first time information.

41. (Amended)   A communications data processing apparatus, comprising:

a receiver that receives data containing first time information from an external device;

a judging device that judges whether said received data is specific data or not;

a controlling device that rectifies said first time information by a predetermined value and sets the rectified first time information as second time information for the communications data processing apparatus when said judging device judges said received data is specific data and does not set the first time information as the second time information when said judging device judges said received data is not specific data;

a memory that temporarily stores said received data;

a processor that counts up the second time information periodically and processes the stored data in accordance with said counted up second time information and the first time information contained in the data to be processed.

42.   (Amended)   A communications data processing apparatus according to claim 41, wherein said first time information contained in the data received from the external device is absolute time added at the external device.

43.   (Amended)   A communications data processing apparatus according to claim 41, wherein said receiver further receives a value for rectifying the first time information from the external device, and

said controlling device rectifies said first time information with said received value.

44.   (Amended)   A communications data processing apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising a determiner that determines the predetermined value for rectifying the first time information in accordance with capacity of said memory for storing the received data, and wherein the setting device rectifies said time information with said determined value.

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45. (Amended) A communications data processing method performed by a communications data processing apparatus, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving data containing first time information from an external device;

(b) judging whether said received data is specific data or not;

(c) rectifying said first time information by a predetermined value and setting the rectified first time information as second time information for the communications data processing apparatus when said judging step judges said received data is specific data and not setting the first time information as the second time information when said judging step judges said received data is not specific data;

(d) temporarily storing said received data; and

(e) counting up the second time information periodically and processing the stored data in accordance with said counted up second time information and the first time information contained in the data to be processed.

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46. (Amended) A storage medium storing a program, which a computer executes to realize a communications data process for a communications data processing apparatus, comprising the instructions for:

(a) receiving data containing first time information from an external device;

(b) judging whether said received data is specific data or not;

(c) rectifying said first time information by a predetermined value and setting the rectified first time information as second time information for the communications data processing apparatus when said judging step judges said received data is specific data and not setting the first time information as the second time information when said judging step judges said received data is not specific data;

(d) temporarily storing said received data; and

(e) counting up the second time information periodically and processing the stored data in accordance with said counted up second time information and the first time information contained in the data to be processed.

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Please **add** the following claims:

47. (New) A communications data processing apparatus according to claim 29, wherein:

said receiver further receives recovery data for recovering data not received by the communications data processing apparatus due to a communications error, the recovery data containing third time information;

said memory further stores said received recovery data temporarily; and

said processor further processes said stored recovery data when said second time information reaches said third time information.

48. (New) A communications data processing apparatus according to claim 29, further comprising:

a checking device that checks a time sequential flow of data temporarily stored in said memory; and

a remover that removes unnatural data from the flow of data stored in said memory to prevent production of an unnatural musical tone.

49. (New) A communications data processing apparatus according to claim 41, wherein said specific data is initial data received from the external device.

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50.   (New) A communications data processing method according to claim 33, wherein:

said receiving step further receiving recovery data for recovering data not received by the communications data processing apparatus due to a communications error, the recovery data containing third time information;

said storing step further storing said received recovery data temporarily; and

said starting step further starting to process said stored recovery data when said second time information reaches said third time information.

51.   (New) A communications data processing method according to claim 33, further comprising the steps of:

(f) checking a time sequential flow of data temporarily stored in said memory; and

(g) removing unnatural data from the flow of data stored in said memory to prevent production of an unnatural musical tone.

52.   (New) A storage medium storing a program according to claim 37, wherein:

said receiving step further receiving recovery data for recovering data not received by the communications data processing apparatus due to a communications error, the recovery data containing third time information;

said storing step further storing said received recovery data temporarily; and

said starting step further starting to process said stored recovery data when said second time information reaches said third time information.

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53.   (New) A storage medium storing a program according to claim 37, further comprising the instructions of:

(f) checking a time sequential flow of data temporarily stored in said memory; and

(g) removing unnatural data from the flow of data stored in said memory to prevent production of an unnatural musical tone.